

Name _____

Sentence Stretchers Answer Key

Sample Expansions (many possible answers)

1. I ran because I was late for the bus.
2. She smiled when she saw her best friend.
3. We waited until the store finally opened.
4. He shouted although no one was listening.
5. The baby cried while her mother cooked dinner.

Guided Challenge

6. I stayed home because it was snowing outside.
7. They clapped when the singer finished the song.
8. He left early although the movie was not over.
9. We ate quickly before the bell rang for class.
10. She called me if she needed help with homework.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- Stress that **independent clauses** are complete sentences on their own, while **dependent clauses** cannot stand alone.
- Students can place the dependent clause **before or after** the independent clause (*Because I was late, I ran / I ran because I was late*).
- Encourage variety by using different **subordinating conjunctions** (*because, although, if, before, when, since, while*).
- Extension: Have students **expand the same independent clause two different ways** with two different dependent clauses.